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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, RO, SHUM  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF PROMINENT ROMANIAN RELIGIOUS FIGURES

1. ROMANIA LIBERIA (MARCH 28, 1977) ANNOUNCES THE DEATH  
OF THE PATRIARCH OF THE ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, JUSTINIAN  
MARINA AT AGE 76. NEITHER CAUSE NOR TIME OR EVEN DATE OF  
DEATH ARE GIVEN, BUT THE PATRIARCH HAD BEEN IN ILL HEALTH  
FOR SOME TIME. SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE PATRIARCHAL  
CATHEDRAL IN BUCHAREST ON MARCH 31 AT 1030.

2. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF  
IASI (A TITLE NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE), PETRU PLEASCA,  
ALSO DIED LAST WEEK. THERE HAS BEEN NO PRESS  
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS DEATH.

3. COMMENT: ROMANIAN ORTHODOX SYNOD SHOULD MEET  
SHORTLY TO BEGIN ITS DELIVERATIONS ON THE CHOICE  
OF A NEW PATRIARCH. THE METROPOLITAN OF IASI-  
SUCEAVA JUSTIN MOISESCU IS MOST LIKELY SUCCESSOR.  
HE IS REGARDED BY SOME AS THE PARTY'S MAN IN THE

CHURCH.  
BARNES

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